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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Marian Elizabeth LUDGATE

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Group 1644

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BIOASSAY FOR THYROID STIMULATING ANTIBODIES

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed December 15, 2003, for which the period for response has been extended two months and further to the Request for Continued Examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

An **Appendix** is attached following the signature page of this paper.